

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1 - 36 (Canceled).

37. (Previously Presented): A non-therapeutic method of identifying persons having sensitive skin, the method comprising: 1) applying to a skin area of an individual an aqueous or aqueous-alcoholic solution, comprising a stimulant that is a capsaicinoid or a mustard oil at a concentration of between  $1 \times 10^{-6}\%$  and  $5 \times 10^{-4}\%$ ; and 2) deducing information regarding the skin reactivity or sensitivity of the individual as a function of the intensity of unattractive sensations perceived by the individual,

wherein the unattractive sensation is at least one selected from the group consisting of stinging, pins and needles, itching, pruritus, hotness and pulling.

38. (Original): The method of Claim 37, wherein the solution is an aqueous-ethanolic solution.

39. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 37, wherein step 1) is preceded by a step 0) which comprises: applying to a skin area of an individual a solution of lactic acid at a concentration of between 2% and 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

40. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 39, wherein the solution of lactic acid has a concentration of 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

41. (Original): The method of Claim 37, wherein the concentration of stimulant is between  $5 \times 10^{-5}\%$  and  $5 \times 10^{-4}\%$  by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

42. (Original): The method of Claim 41, wherein the concentration of the stimulant is  $1 \times 10^{-4}\%$  by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

43. (Original): The method of Claim 37, wherein step a) comprises between 1 and 3 applications of the solution.

44. (Original): The method of Claim 43, wherein step a) comprises 3 applications of the solution.

45. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 39, wherein step 0) comprises between 1 and 10 applications of lactic acid solution.

46. (Withdrawn): The method of Claim 45, wherein step 0) comprises 10 applications of lactic acid solution.

47. (Original): The method of Claims 37, wherein the skin area is the bend of the arm, the lobe of the ear, the posterior face of the pinna of the ear, the face, the wing of the nose, the nasogenial sulcus or the point of the lower maxillary.

48. (Original): The method of Claim 38, wherein the aqueous-ethanolic solution comprises from 1% to 50% of ethanol in water.

49. (Original): The method of Claim 48, wherein the aqueous-ethanolic solution comprises from 5% to 20% ethanol in water.

50. (Original): The method of Claim 48, wherein the aqueous-ethanolic solution comprises from 8% to 15% ethanol in water.

51. (Original): The method of Claim 48, wherein the aqueous-ethanolic solution comprises 10% ethanol in water.

52. (Original): The method of Claim 37, wherein the capsaicinoid is a natural capsaicinoid, a synthetic capsaicinoid, a synthetic extract or a plant extract.

53. (Previously Presented): A non-therapeutic method of identifying persons having sensitive skin, the method comprising: 1) applying to a skin area of an individual an aqueous or aqueous-alcoholic solution, comprising a stimulant that is a capsaicinoid or a mustard oil at a concentration of between  $1 \times 10^{-6}\%$  and  $5 \times 10^{-4}\%$ ; and 2) deducing information regarding the skin reactivity or sensitivity of the individual as a function of the intensity of unattractive sensations perceived by the individual,

wherein the capsaicinoid is a capsaicin, a homocapsaicin, a homodihydrocapsaicin, a nordihydrocapsaicin, or a dihydrocapsaicin, and

the unattractive sensation is at least one selected from the group consisting of stinging, pins and needles, itching, pruritus, hotness and pulling.

54. (Original): The method of Claim 53, wherein the capsaicinoid is a capsaicin.

55-63. (Canceled).

64. (Withdrawn): A kit comprising: a plurality of containers each holding increasing concentrations of a peripheral nervous system stimulant in combination with a physiologically acceptable vehicle; at least one container which holds the vehicle alone; and a single applicator system, wherein the at least one container holds a concentration of the peripheral nervous system stimulant of between  $1 \times 10^{-6}\%$  and  $1 \times 10^{-4}\%$  by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

65. (Withdrawn): The kit according to Claim 64, wherein the single applicator system is a cotton bud.

66. (Withdrawn): The kit according to Claim 64, wherein the concentration of the peripheral nervous system stimulant is between  $3 \times 10^{-6}\%$  and  $6 \times 10^{-5}\%$  by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

67. (Withdrawn): The kit according to Claim 64, wherein the concentration of the peripheral nervous system stimulant is  $3.16 \times 10^{-5}\%$  by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.